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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the 40 Committee, 16 September 1971

PRESENT: Mr. Kissinger, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Packard, Mr. Ray S. Cline,
Lt. Gen. Richard T. Knowles, and Mr. Helms

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Lt. Gen. Donald V. Bennett, R. Adm. James C. Donaldson, Jr.,

[redacted]
[redacted] were present for Item 1.

[redacted] and Mr. Thomas Karamessines were present
for Items 1 and 2.

1. Air Reconnaissance of North Korea

a. A detailed briefing was provided the Committee on air reconnaissance of North Korea from the point of view of intelligence requirements and systems for collection. The thrust was toward justification of the use of the SR-71 for these purposes. There were no questions following the briefing.

b. It was understood that the briefing did not constitute an approval to lift the existing stand-down on such flights but that when such a mission was deemed advisable it would appear in the JRC forecast and be subject to the monthly approval process.

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